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THE US OLYMPIC GYMNASTIC TEAM, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, CO-SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS AND THE US GYMNASTIC FEDERATION (USGF) WILL TOUR THE PRC AUG. 17-SEPT. 2. THE GROUP, HOSTED BY THE ALL CHINA SPORTS FEDERATION, WILL INCLUDE 25 ATHLETES, COACHES AND OFFICIALS AND A 4-5 MAN ABC TV CREW. THE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED AN ITINERARY OF THREE TO FOUR CITIES, BUT AS YET NO WORD FROM THE CHINESE ON THIS. COMPLETE NAMELIST AND FLIGHT DATA WILL FOLLOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED THAT PRESS CONTINGENT INCLUDE EIGHT PEOPLE, SIX FOR TV AND TWO FROM THE WRITING PRESS. CHINESE RESPONDED OFFERING A TOTAL OF 2-3 PLACES. RESPONDING TO A NATIONAL COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION, PRCLO JULY 6 AGREED TO INCREASE PRESS TO 4-5. PRESS COVERAGE WILL BE LIMITED TO TV AND WILL ONLY COVER THE EXHIBITIONS IN PEKING.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED USLO ESCORT FOR THIS TOUR.
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